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Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. Psalm 48, 12 and 13.

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PREFACE.

Under the care, we hope, of a good providence, we now offer to the religious community the first No. of another Volume of the EVANGELICAL RECORD. To our patrons of last year who have continued their names, as well as to those who have forwarded to us new names, we return our sincere thanks. And without promising any thing uncommon, we shall endeavour to furnish our readers with what, under the blessing of heaven, will be useful to both them and their children.

The printer has thought fit to throw the work into a duodecimo, instead of an octavo—more matter shall, however, be communicated in this size than in the former.

Among other difficulties with which a work of this kind is attended, the regular conveying of it to any great distance from the printing office is considerable. We must bear with that which cannot be removed. The Post-Master of this place acknowledges that our Numbers have not been forwarded by him regularly, because the mail has been so crouded that it was impossible—but he hopes this will not be the case in future. We shall, as Printers and Editors, do what we can to forward our numbers as they are published, by mail or otherwise, as soon as possible. We will feel ourselves, also, under obligations to

any of our friends at a distance who, when they either come or send to Lexington, will be so good as to call at our office, for what packages may be ready to forward to their neighbourhood. And if, after all our exertions, there should be still irregularities, our readers must take it patiently. In the most of cases, a few weeks later than is expected will not be any real inconvenience.

In reviewing the present state of religion among us, remarks which must be offensive to many are unavoidable. Mistakes as to matters of fact, will no doubt also, sometimes occur. We can only say that we have no personal or party purposes to subserve. It can never be of advantage to us to give any unjust representations of either men or things. So far as we know our own heart, we have no other object but to promote the interest of our Lord Jesus—increase the influence of him in whom all nations are to be blessed. Any mis-statement of fact shall be cheerfully corrected, whenever it may be pointed out to us —and if, upon any representations, we shall be convinced of having expressed ourselves improperly respecting either persons or things, a full and unequivocal retraction shall be freely made.